RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-FTA/240A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 19.4.2024

#### <u>APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION</u> <u>UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE</u>

# **APPLICATION NO. A/NE-FTA/240**

(for 2<sup>nd</sup> Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Ying Shing (Hopewell) Engineering Limited represented by GD Management Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lot 356 (Part) in D.D. 87, Kong Nga Po, Sheung Shui, New Territories
Site Area	:	About 1,763m <sup>2</sup>
Lease	:	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plans</u>	:	- Draft Fu Tei Au and Sha Ling Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-FTA/17 (at the time of submission)
		- Approved Fu Tei Au and Sha Ling OZP No. S/NE-FTA/18 (currently in force)
Zoning	:	"Agriculture" ("AGR") <sup>1</sup>
Application	:	Temporary Open Storage of Construction Materials and Machineries for a Period of Three Years and Associated Filling of Land

### 1. Background

- 1.1 On 27.12.2023, the applicant sought planning permission for a temporary open storage of construction materials and machineries for a period of three years and associated filling of land at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 16.2.2024, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Committee (the Board) agreed to defer a decision on the application for two months, as requested by the applicant, to allow time to prepare further information (FI) to address departmental comments.
- 1.3 On 26.2.2024, the applicant submitted FI to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Site falls within an area zoned "AGR" on the draft Fu Tei Au and Sha Ling OZP No. S/NE-FTA/17 at the time of submission. There is no change to the "AGR" zone under the current OZP No. S/NE-FTA/18.

### 2. <u>Request for Deferment</u>

On 5.4.2024, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to allow time for preparation of FI to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

# 3. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

- 3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for the second deferment as the justification for deferment meets the criteria as set out in the Town Planning Board Guidelines on Deferment of Decision on Representations, Comments, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33B) in that the applicant needs more time to prepare FI to address further departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.
- 3.2 Should the Committee agree to defer a decision on the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration within two months upon receipt of FI from the applicant. If the FI submitted by the applicant is not substantial and could be processed within a shorter time, the application could be submitted to an earlier meeting for the Committee's consideration. The applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of four months for preparation of the submission of FI. The second deferment should be the last deferment and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances and supported with strong justifications.

### 4. <u>Decision Sought</u>

The Committee is invited to consider whether or not to accede to the applicant's request for deferment. If the request is not acceded to, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

# 5. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix IEmail dated 5.4.2024 from the applicant's representativePlan A-1Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT APRIL 2024